

May 16, 2013

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and member Curtis attending. Board member Fuelling was not present. Others attending were Comm. Waters; Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon; Supt. Givens; Lines Supt. Moss; Sue Shelton; Andrea Santoro; Katie Stillwagoner Smith; Lois Gray – Posey County News; and Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented. Board member Curtis moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Curtis moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated al those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloit stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated a while back they replaced some doors at the plant. They did not replace the lab door. Board member Fuelling wanted him to paint the door, which he did, but it is now rusted through. It needs to be replaced. He stated he has estimates on a new door and a replacement window – it had had a window AC unit in it, and is now boarded up and needs replaced. Along those same lines, the digester building roof is leaking and it needs fixed – the new \$50,000 blowers are located under that roof. He presented the following:

Lang Brothers	Roof Work	\$14,360
	Window	\$ 360
	Door	\$ 680

B & S	Roof Work	\$ 7,320
	Window	\$ 1,780
	Door	\$ 750

He added there is quite a difference in the cost to repair the roof especially, but they seem to be comparable quotes.

Board member Curtis asked if he tried to get quotes from any local companies ?

Supt. Givens replied he believes B & S is local. He added he contacted Rick Bowman for a quote and he came and looked at the roof, but did not submit a quote. He did, however, hint at \$20,000.00.

Board member Curtis stated B & S is located on the west side of Evansville.

Mayor Tucker stated when these folks quoted, they were quoting on everything, and asked if there would be a problem splitting the jobs between the two of them ?

Supt. Givens replied that should not be a problem.

Board member Curtis moved, if quotes are comparable, B & S be given the roof work, and Lang Brothers be given the door and window replacements, as these were the low bids. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify it he affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Waters questioned if these folks have adequate insurance coverage filed with the city. He stated he is only asking because this is what has happened to his department on the tree trimming quotes.

Supt. Givens replied stated he is not sure.

Board member Curtis stated Supt. Givens needs to be sure that B & S can get the required coverage.

Supt. Givens continued his report by stating some ballasts are out and he has been claiming the warranty work, so that has been taken care of. He continued by stating one had an end cap missing and raw sewage ran out of the ballast. It may be corroded, but it is still working. He stated he did not put the cap back in there, the contractor should take care of that.

Board member Curtis asked if everything was under warranty ?

Supt. Givens replied he hopes so. He did state that his department did not put them in – H P Thompson did. He added they have had several other issues down there as well – a pump went too but it will be fixed my tomorrow – warranty work.

Supt. Givens stated a few weeks back they gave permission for some of the guys to attend a class and it has been canceled. It will be rescheduled for June 29.

Board member Curtis asked that Supt. Givens keep the Board informed on this warranty work. He added there are always little glitches at start up.

Supt. Givens agreed and added they are mainly just small things.

Board member Curtis added he is glad the contractor is taking care of things.

Supt. Givens added he is also documenting everything.

Supt. Givens continued his report by addressing the sink hole on College Ave. He stated they videoed the sewer and it looks good. The Street Department has nothing there, no storm sewer. He added they did put dye in the line and it is the sewer, there is infiltration there.

Board member Curtis asked what else is there ?

Supt. Givens replied he does not know.

Board member Curtis stated if water is dumped in the hole, and dye, and it runs to the sewer, it is the sewer. It makes sense it is the sewer. Not every joint has a sink hole, it needs to be fixed.

Supt. Givens stated if they line it that will be a \$30,000 job – in one particular spot. He suggests they backfill it and watch it.

Board member Curtis asked if there was a hole there before ?

Supt. Givens replied no and added they have fixed others this way.

Board member Curtis questioned the cost – 200 feet at \$120/ft ? That is \$24,000.00. He then stated he does not know what is the best solution, he hasn't dealt with sewers. He then asked if the hole is growing ?

Supt. Givens replied he doesn't think so, and they have had a lot of rain lately. He again stated backfilling and paving over it works.

Board member Curtis again stated he does not know but he has real concerns about a sinkhole right in front of the utility office. If it would empty out underneath, and a void gets in there, it could be bad.

Supt. Givens added it is about 15 feet deep.

Mayor Tucker stated they have had other issues in the same block.

Supt. Givens replied yes, north of that by the Morrow building.

Board member Curtis asked if it is filled in now ?

Supt. Givens replied yes.

Board member Curtis stated he suggests they watch it but do not put asphalt on it yet. He would like for them to do some more investigating – again, do not asphalt over it. He stated he feels this is an accident waiting to happen. He added he wants to revisit this and then stated Supt. Givens' opinion is the one that counts on this. He stated Supt. Givens does this every day, he doesn't.

Mayor Tucker concluded the report by asking that Supt. Givens keep the Board informed.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda, they have a letter from Attorney Higgins concerning the tree quotes.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman stated none of the quotes met the city's insurance requirements. She stated the contractors can be contacted to see if they can meet the requirements, but if none can, then they will have to re-quote.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

Katie Smith stated she is representing Mt. Vernon First Church of the Nazarene and they are requesting to block what is locally called Peckinpaugh Circle on May 26 for a Community Block Party, from noon to 6:00 pm. She stated they have invited a lot of the children from the lower income apartment complexes in the area and there should be a lot of kids.

Comm. Waters stated he will see that the barricades are delivered on Friday afternoon. They can set them up where needed on Sunday and then take them down. The Street Department will pick them back up on Monday morning.

Board member Curtis moved permission for the block party be given. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

She thanked the Board and left the meeting.

Andrea Santoro stated she would also like permission to block the 600 block of Locust Street on May 27 for their annual Memorial Day block party. She added in the past, they have always set the barricades up and they will again.

Board member Curtis moved permission be given. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

Sue Shelton stated she is present on the behalf of the fire department. They will be paying off their ladder truck this year, with a \$69,000 payment. They are now in need of a new pumper truck. She added she believes it will be cheaper than the ladder truck, and she would like for them to consider making that purchase. She added the difference in payment price between the current ladder truck and a new pumper, they would like to apply toward the new building.

Chief Dixon stated the pumper is a 1997 model with 50,000 miles and 8,000 hours on it – it is past time to replace it. He would like the Board's blessing to explore some pricing options.

Board member Curtis replied they can explore yes, go forward with getting some prices together.

Mayor Tucker agreed.

Chief Dixon stated he hopes to come back to them soon with some more firm prices.

Board member Curtis added the newer equipment is more efficient and he looks forward to being educated.

Mayor Tucker agreed.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Curtis moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer